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Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of April 13, 2000, by
Mr. HELMS, with an amendment[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**AN ACT**

To authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Institute in
5 Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (22
2 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.); the Congress established the
3 American Institute in Taiwan (hereafter in this Act
4 referred to as “AIT”); a nonprofit corporation incor-
5 porated in the District of Columbia, to carry out on
6 behalf of the United States Government any and all
7 programs, transactions, and other relations with
8 Taiwan;

9 (2) the Congress has recognized AIT for the
10 successful role it has played in sustaining and en-
11 hancing United States relations with Taiwan;

12 (3) the Taipei office of AIT is housed in build-
13 ings which were not originally designed for the im-
14 portant functions that AIT performs, whose location
15 does not provide adequate security for its employees;
16 and which, because they are almost 50 years old,
17 have become increasingly expensive to maintain;

18 (4) the aging state of the AIT office building in
19 Taipei is neither conducive to the safety and welfare
20 of AIT’s American and local employees nor commensurate
21 with the level of contact that exists between
22 the United States and Taiwan;

23 (5) because of the unofficial character of United
24 States relations with Taiwan, the Department of

1 State is not responsible for funding the construction
 2 of a new office building for the Taipei office of AIT;

3 (6) AIT has made a good faith effort to set
 4 aside funds for the construction of a new office
 5 building; but these funds will be insufficient to con-
 6 struct a building that is large and secure enough to
 7 meet AIT's current and future needs; and

8 (7) because the Congress established AIT and
 9 has a strong interest in United States relations with
 10 Taiwan, the Congress has a special responsibility to
 11 ensure that AIT's requirements for safe and appro-
 12 priate office quarters are met.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 15 authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$75,000,000 to
 16 AIT—

17 (1) for plans for a new facility and, if nec-
 18 essary, residences or other structures located in close
 19 physical proximity to such facility, in Taipei, Tai-
 20 wan, for AIT to carry out its purposes under the
 21 Taiwan Relations Act; and

22 (2) for acquisition by purchase or construction
 23 of such facility, residences, or other structures.

24 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to
 25 subsection (a) may only be used if the new facility de-

1 scribed in that subsection meets all requirements applica-
 2 ble to the security of United States diplomatic facilities;
 3 including the requirements in the Omnibus Diplomatic Se-
 4 curity and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4801
 5 et seq.) and the Secure Embassy Construction and
 6 Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (as enacted by section
 7 1000(a)(7) of Public Law 106-113; 113 Stat 1501A-
 8 451); except for those requirements which the Director of
 9 AIT certifies to the Committee on International Relations
 10 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
 11 Foreign Relations of the Senate are not applicable on ac-
 12 count of the special status of AIT.

13 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
 14 priated pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to re-
 15 main available until expended.

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 15 *subsection (a) may only be used if the new facility described*
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 19 *Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) and*
 20 *the Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterrorism Act*
 21 *of 1999 (as enacted by section 1000(a)(7) of Public Law*
 22 *106–113; 113 Stat 1501A–451), except for those require-*
 23 *ments which the Director of AIT certifies to the Committee*
 24 *on International Relations of the House of Representatives*
 25 *and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate are*

1 *not applicable on account of the special status of AIT. In*
2 *making such certification, the Director shall also certify*
3 *that security considerations permit the exercise of the waiv-*
4 *er of such requirements.*

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